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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Note To: Bill Perry

The attached provides background information on the unfolding espionage case involving our officer. Because this is a case in prosecution, I strongly advise against any comments or answers to press queries that are not fully coordinated with the Justice Department. A statement by a US Government official could have a negative effect on the prosecution.

Jim Woolsey

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Statement by DCI R. James Woolsey to CIA Employees

0800 Hours 22 February 1994

Good morning. I have some sad news for all of you. Yesterday, the FBI arrested CIA employee Aldrich Hazen (Rick) Ames because he is alleged to have committed espionage against the United States. This arrest is the result of a very professional counterintelligence effort by the CIA and FBI together. Because of legal considerations related to this prosecution, I cannot expand on this statement right now. In the next few hours, after the initial court appearance, I will provide you with additional details.

I realize that this bad news is going to come as a shock to all of you. We expect that the arrest is going to draw widespread attention in the United States and in the international media. All of us here at CIA undoubtedly face a difficult period of public criticism and self-examination. During the course of the investigation and the judicial process, it is important that all employees decline to comment publicly on this matter even after a public announcement. I'll be speaking to you again on this later today.

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